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Sherriffs to transfer inmates

Safety orders to be met, but weapons question to wait on audit: Clarke

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Sherriffs in Nova Scotia will take over prisoner escorts for the time being while the Justice Department waits for the results of an external audit of correctional services.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke responded yesterday to 14 compliance orders from the Labour Department

after a health and safety review in response to safety complaints from corrections officers.

Clarke said the department will act on all 14 recommendations, but will continue to wait for the results of an external audit before considering equipping guards with batons, pepper spray or Tasers.

"The orders do not require the department to arm our correctional workers with intermediate weapons at this time," he said.

New Democrat justice critic Bill Estabrooks said the minister is using the external audit as a stall

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Liberal justice critic Michel Samson

tactic.

"The external audit is just an excuse for the minister not to move as quickly as he should," he said.

Other critics said it doesn't make sense for sheriffs — but not correctional officers — to carry inter-

mediate weapons.

"It's inexplicable as to why the minister continues to refuse to provide the arms necessary to our correctional officers to be able to do these transfers," said Liberal justice critic Michel Samson.

Union representatives say correctional officers do the same job as sheriffs during outside escorts and should therefore carry the same equipment.

Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, said the minister's announcement means

the sheriff's service will take work away from corrections officers.

"Now they're being penalized for refusing to do the transfers," she said.

Since dangerous offender Jermaine Carvery escaped April 3, corrections officers in the province have refused to do more than 100 inmate transfers for safety reasons, saying they are improperly trained and lack adequate equipment.

Clarke said sheriffs already do 90 per cent of all transfers in the province.

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Earthquake death toll hits 13,000



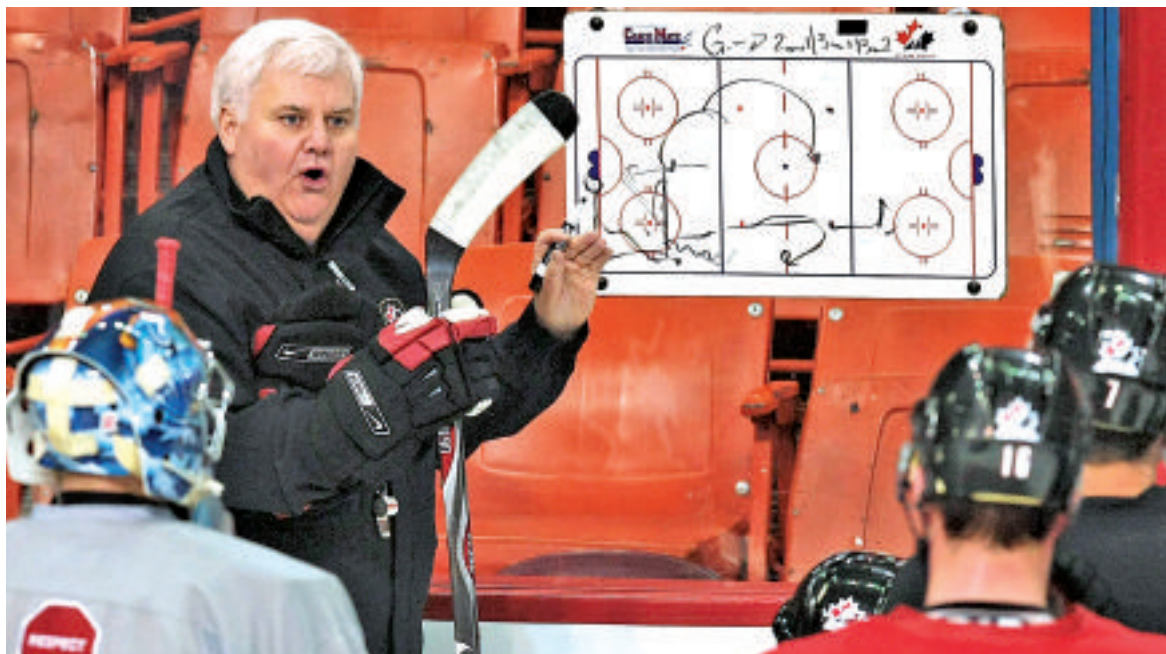
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Now go and get 'em

Team Canada head coach Ken Hitchcock goes over a drill with his players during practice yesterday at the world hockey championship at the Metro Centre. Today is the final day of the tournament in Halifax before it finishes in Quebec City, and Canada plays Norway at 4:30 p.m. in the quarter-finals. Finland takes on the United States at 8:15 p.m. More coverage, page 7.



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MacDonald urges N.S. residents to use transit

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Answering to the concerns of Nova Scotians about the high cost of fuel, Premier Rodney MacDonald recently said: "I think the most important thing we as a government can do, and all Nova Scotians can do, is to purchase more fuel-efficient vehicles; to take the opportunity for transit."

But those living in rural communities without access to transit weren't too happy with the advice. New Democrat MLA Gordie Gosse brought this up in question period yesterday at the legislature saying half the municipalities in Nova Scotia don't have public transit.

"There's no transit for them to get to medical appointments or any appointments," he told reporters afterward.

In an effort to quell Nova Scotians angered by his suggestion to make use of transit, the premier recently wrote letters to the editors of several community newspapers in the province.

He said in his hometown of Mabou, there is no bus service and said he never intended to suggest those living in rural communities "take the bus."

"The letter stands for what it does," he said after question period.

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'No one wants to play politics'

Refugee blasts Myanmar regime for stalling aid

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

Brang Aung fled Burma years ago as a refugee. Now a Canadian citizen living in Halifax, Aung is not allowed back in the country. He's spent recent days worrying and trying to contact his sister, who lives near the cyclone-ravaged region of what is now called Myanmar.

She finally got through on Sunday long enough to tell him she was OK, but some other relatives are not doing well. Then the connection cut out.

"It's very difficult. I want to ask a thousand questions but there's no chance to," says Aung. "I've been really frustrated and really worried for everyone."



Brang Aung has been trying to reach his sister in Myanmar, which has been decimated by a cyclone.

He's angry at the Burmese government for not allowing enough emergency aid workers into the country. Aung said people can't criticize the military government in

Burma or they will be beaten or arrested. He believes the rulers are trying to use the crisis as legal clout to legitimize their power, and that means hiding their abuses

from other nations.

"At this point, forget about politics. No one wants to play politics. People are dying. People are starving there," he says.

«The military reaction has been way too slow. They don't really care that people are dying.»

Refugee Brang Aung

"The military reaction has been way too slow. They don't really care that people are dying. Honestly, I'm really speechless how they've (treated) the victims of the cyclone."

Aung once wanted to go back to Burma to shoot a documentary, but was not allowed in. Now he hopes to get his sister out of Burma and into Canada, but expects it to be a hard process. But for now he says he can only wait and nervously watch news reports.

"Even though we know what's going on, what can we do right now?" he asks. "We can't really do anything."

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Public to weigh in on Brewery plan

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

Two proposals for downtown high-rises will now go to public hearings, council decided last night.

Plans for a 21-storey condo on the south end of the Brewery Market property, and a 19-storey mixed use building on South Park Street at Brenton Place graduated to the next step in the approval process.

In the works for the last six years, the Brewery Market development includes renovating Keith Hall, a 19th century mansion built for former

mayor and brew master Alexander Keith, to accommodate five residential units.

North-end Halifax Coun. Patrick Murphy inquired last night whether the proposal would preserve parts of the historic interior of Keith Hall, such as the staircase and moldings.

"I hope that that will be something the developer will be looking at and not just gutting the building because it is part of our history," Murphy said.

Paul Sampson, community development planner, said preserving the interior is not

currently part of the development agreement.

The Heritage Advisory Committee recently recommended council not approve

the proposed project because of its height and impact on the streetscape of Bishop Street.

Lower Sackville Coun. Bob Harvey expressed reservations about dealing with the Brewery Market building when the development approvals process may soon be overhauled through HRM by Design.

The first reading of HRM by

Design is expected to take place in July, said Austin French, manager of planning services.

Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane said council has to work within the current regulations and the proposal on the table right now.

"Do we stop this right in the dust and say No? We've done that in the past and we've seen and heard from the citizens that we've stopped something that could mean progress for our city," she said.

"At this point in time, I think we need to hear from the public..."

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extinguished

Fire evacuates Portland school

STUDENTS Students at Portland Hills Elementary school were evacuated yesterday at lunch hour while firefighters quickly extinguished a small fire on the school's second floor.

Halifax Regional School Board spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay said students who were still in the building were moved to the gym, while students who arrived back from lunch with a parent were sent home.

According to reports, no one was hurt in the incident.

The school will be closed today while staff clean up some smoke and water damage.

The school board will decide today whether to re-open the school tomorrow.

For more information, visit www.hrsb.ns.ca or call 464-4636.

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» **STUDIO** The former navy base in Shelburne is once again going to see its fair share of "action." A film studio will be among the many facilities that will soon populate the area. The new owners of the facility, Jim Kendrick and Mary Barstow see miles of opportunity on their 173-acre purchase, now called Seacoast Film Production Studios. Their

challenge now is to start drawing people to the site and to do that, the partners have begun plans to develop a miniature golf course, convenience store, drive-in theatre, a recording studio and other facilities to bolster the main focus of the business, which Kendrick says is providing a venue for film making. **THE COAST GUARD**

» **LOBSTER** A seafood processing plant in Cape John will be ready to start packing lobster meat by the end of this week. Nap LeBlanc, owner of Sea Deli 1996 Ltd, will be operating Cape John Crabs and Seafood and said a labour force of at least 20 people is needed. The processing factory is licensed to process most fish species but will focus mainly

on lobster. He said the plant also has equipment available for processing crabmeat if it is needed. LeBlanc anticipates lobster processing could begin as early as May 15. Anyone who is interested in employment opportunities at the processing plant can contact Maria MacDonald at 890-2552.

NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Bird-watchers, take note: this Saturday at 9 a.m., the province is hosting a bird-watching hike in its McCurdy woodlot. It's the kick-off to several months of park-related events. For more information, visit www.novascotiaparks.ca.

METRO HALIFAX



Queens rock for fans

California band gives sold-out crowd primo show

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

It was an introduction the more than 3,500 Queens of the Stone Age fans had been waiting months to hear.

"Halifax, Queens. Queens, Halifax," lead singer Josh Homme said after getting on The Cunard Centre stage last night. He was there not only as host, but also as the introducer of his band's heavy sound.

"Now that we know each other, let's f---king get loose."

It didn't take a lot of convincing for the sold-out crowd to follow Homme's direction. An undulating crowd soon formed at the front of the stage; hands, bodies, and cell phones crashing through the surf.

The California-based group filled the harbourside building with its riff-filled sound, as they wrapped up a cross-Canada tour to support its latest release, 2007's *Era*



RYAN TAPLIN/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Queens of the Stone Age frontman Josh Homme performs along with his band at a sold-out show at the Cunard Centre last night.

Vulgaris.

"This is for a Halifax resident who threw us a party last night. Michael Smith," Homme said before he and the rest of the band played *Sick, Sick, Sick*.

It was just one of the hits QOTSA — an acronym that sounds more like a government agency than rock band — played loudly. It hit the mark for fans with pounding renditions songs like *Misfit*

Love, Do It Again, and *3's & 7's*.

"Thank you so much. Are you having a good time?" asked host Homme. "Eat. Drink. Enjoy."

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Airport to get a new hotel

Sheraton will cater to travellers with morning flights

By RACHEL BOOMER
Metro Halifax

In two years, there will be a Sheraton hotel attached to the Halifax International Airport.

The airport authority announced yesterday it's signed on with Southwest Properties and New Castle Hotels to build a 175-room Sheraton attached to the terminal building.

The new hotel will feature a pool, gym, meeting rooms, restaurant and bar. Construction will begin in 2009.

It will cater to travellers facing a long drive to Halifax and an early morning flight, said Jerry Staples, vice-president of marketing and business development for the Halifax International

Airport Authority.

It will be located next to the parking garage currently under construction, right across the street from the Air Canada terminal. Guests will be able to access both the parking garage and the hotel by pedway.

"The industry looked at Halifax as, pardon the pun, a sleeper market. The hotel chains just hadn't made the investment here that they'd made in other cities," Staples said.

Longtime Halifax residents may remember the last attempt to build a hotel attached to the airport, in the early 1990s ended with the wrecking ball, after the building's skeleton stayed unfinished for years.

Staples said two feasibility studies, done in 2005 and 2006, showed the market can support another airport hotel.

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hotels

» Currently there are two hotels near the airport — a 145-room Hilton Garden Inn four kilometres away, and a 154-room Quality Inn.

Residents can now click, call at election time

Council hopes move will raise voter turnout

Voting for your next mayor, city councillor or school board member will be as simple as clicking a mouse.

Halifax residents will be able to e-vote or cast a ballot over the phone during municipal elections this October, council decided yesterday.

"The hope is it will increase the number of people voting," said Lower Sackville councillor Bob Harvey, who made the motion yesterday.

"It's an attempt to broaden out the opportunities to vote and engage more people in the election process."

Voter turnout is less than

50 per cent in most councilors' districts, and even more dismal in byelections, Harvey said. Most recently, only about 24 per cent of eligible voters cast ballots to fill a vacant seat during a byelection in Bedford. Voter turnout was even lower — 10 per cent — during a byelection in Eastern Passage last December.

The online and telephone voting system will be in place for advance polls over a three-day period in October. Harvey says theoretically, everyone could choose to vote on those days.

He said staff will issue pin numbers which voters will use along with their birth dates to cast ballots.

LINDSAY JONES/METRO HALIFAX

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» **CHANCELLOR** David F. Sobey will be installed as the chancellor of Saint Mary's University May 23 at the school's spring convocation ceremony. Sobey is the chairman of Sobey's Inc. and a highly respected business leader in the country. His first duty as chancellor will be to present degrees to students at the convocation at the Halifax Metro Centre. Sobey will also present honorary doctoral degrees to

Jamal Badawi, Arthur Donahoe, Gary Mooney and Nancy Smithers. Badawi, an Imam and international scholar on Islam, will receive an honorary doctorate in Civil Law; Donahoe will receive an honorary doctorate of Laws; Mooney an honorary doctorate of Commerce; and Smithers an honorary doctorate of Civil Law.

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INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, hotel transfers and 7 nights 4-star all-inclusive accommodation. UPGRADE to 4.5-star all-inclusive accommodation for \$32 per night.	

Holidays

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INCLUDES roundtrip airfare, transfers and 6 nights 3-star accommodation in the Hyde Park area. BONUS Continental breakfast included daily.	
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Metro Transit doesn't plan to follow WestJet or Air Canada's lead and hike fares to cope with the rising cost of gas, spokeswoman Lori Patterson says. But Patterson won't rule out a fare hike in future. The TTC has said it's considering a fuel surcharge. METRO HALIFAX, PHOTO: HRM CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Cape Breton tops in grass fires

The Cape Breton Regional Municipality is leading the province in intentionally set grass fires, statistics show.

"It is a serious problem here," Paul MacCormick, deputy fire marshal for Nova Scotia, said. "Our office has teamed up with the Department of Natural Resources and Cape Breton Regional Police Service to bring a pilot project into the schools on the consequences of grass fires."

The program will be in place in schools in Glace Bay and the Northside.

"We will then be looking

consequences

» As part of school program, Const. Gary Fraser told students about the consequences of starting a fire. "You could be looking at property damage or mischief, or if someone died as a result of these actions, they could be looking at manslaughter," he said.

for feedback and from there might take the program across the province," MacCormick said.

Students at Morrison and St. Michael's junior high schools in Glace Bay were addressed Monday.

Jim Driscoll, a fire training manager with the Cape Breton Regional Fire Service, said there were 1,500 grass and bush fires in the CBRM within a three-month period last year, taking 20,000 man hours, mainly volunteers.

"They (the grass fires) took three or four buildings, houses, (and) a garage."

He said while firefighters are chasing nuisance grass fires, houses aren't protected like they should be.

"Our crews get spread so thin, there is not the response time we like to have."

CAPE BRETON POST

Local team fourth into Costa Rica

Bluenosers enjoy ice cream before heading to Jamaica

RACE UPDATE

Having refuelled in Costa Rica, the first group of yachts in the Clipper 07-08 fleet made speed towards Flamenco Marina at the entrance to the Panama Canal yesterday, and gathered to prepare for the transit to the Caribbean side and the forthcoming Race 10 to Port Antonio, Jamaica.

In Banana Bay Marina in Costa Rica, Byron Grams said. "Everyone seemed in great spirits, but we're really disappointed they couldn't step off the boat ... to walk up to the bar at Banana Bay Marina, let alone have a good look at Golfito."

"Nova Scotia came in at first light this morning and took on their load of fuel and provisions. Hull & Humber

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Durban 2010 and Beyond heads for Panama near the race's end.

clipper race

» The Clipper Round-the-World yacht race 07-08 will be sailing into Halifax in early June with Metro Halifax as a local partner. Clipper Ventures is unique in offering non-professional sailors the opportunity to compete in a round-the-world yacht race. In anticipation of the fleet's arrival, we'll be bringing you updates on the race in the weeks ahead in collaboration with www.clipperroundtheworld.com.

fresh brewed Costa Rican coffee, cold beer, and the bonus surprise of ice cream cones are dished out as long as the supply holds. Marina manager Bruce hosted them right. A quick round of Internet was enjoyed then lines were cast to get back under way.

"As I type I hear westernaustralia2011.com on the radio so they may not be far behind."

The second half of the fleet is due to join the rest of the yachts in the Flamenco Marina today.



Nova Scotia refuels in Banana Bay Marina, Costa Rica, yesterday.

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Canadians lack access to palliative care

A new report shows that about two-thirds of Canadians do not have access to adequate palliative care.

The report by the Quality-End-of-Life Care Coalition of Canada says that Canadians increasingly prefer to die in

their homes, and yet 60 per cent of Canadian deaths occur in hospitals. One of the main reasons people need to be hospitalized is to get medications and treatments they need without being a burden to their families, according to

the study.

Nova Scotia is seen as lacking access to palliative care specialists and while priority is given to palliative care patients, wait times remain too long for home care.

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B.C. crash kills 4

Helicopter goes down in Cranbrook neighbourhood

A pedestrian was among four people killed when a helicopter crashed into a residential neighbourhood in Cranbrook, B.C., yesterday.

The helicopter with three people on board appeared to hover as if looking for a land-

ing spot before it crashed onto a street and burst into flames, according to officials and witnesses.

Witnesses told local media the pedestrian appeared to have been dragged by the helicopter as it crashed to the ground, and bypassers attempted to pull the person from the flames but failed.

The cause of the crash was

not immediately known, but the weather conditions were described as good.

The Bell 206 helicopter was working under contract for BC Hydro, the provincial electrical utility, according to the Transportation Safety Board, which was sending investigators to the community about 200 km southwest of Calgary.

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Cancer awareness **Striking a pose**

RAE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Kas Pavanantharaj, 19, left, Ashley Kroening, 25, centre and Dennis Ryan, 26, strike a pose to raise awareness about cancers below the waist. The B.C. Cancer Foundation's Underwear Affair race is scheduled for July 12 and helps fund research into colorectal, bladder, prostate and ovarian cancers.



JASON LEE/REUTERS

A Chinese rescue worker walks past destroyed houses and cars yesterday. A top disaster official said storms were hampering rescue efforts in the most devastated areas.

Death toll rising

Chinese officials fear the worst as 60,000 missing



no foreign casualties

» China said that there had been no reports of foreign casualties.
» Olympic officials assured foreigners China was safe. A minute's silence will start each stop of the domestic torch relay and celebrations will be scaled down.

The death toll in China's earthquake climbed past 13,000 yesterday and looked set to rise much higher after media said some 19,000 people were buried in rubble in just one area.

Rain and severed roads hampered rescuers in the mountainous area near the epicentre of Monday's 7.9-magnitude quake in the southwestern province of Sichuan, China's worst

earthquake in three decades.

State media reported devastation as troops reached stricken villages near the epicentre in Wenchuan, a remote county cut off by landslides about 100 km northwest of the provincial capital, Chengdu.

Officials have said more powerful aftershocks could hit the region and mudslides

may add to the toll where 60,000 people were unaccounted for.

More than 50,000 troops joined disaster relief efforts or were advancing to the area. The Chinese air force said 6,500 troops were parachuted into hard-hit areas where rain and clouds had prevented military helicopters from landing.

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» **KHADR** Liberal Senator Roméo Dallaire says the U.S. and Canada have descended to the level of the terrorists they pursue by flouting international law and allowing Omar Khadr to be prosecuted for war crimes at Guantanamo Bay.

» **POLITICS** Prime Minister Stephen Harper's lawsuit against the federal Liberal party is a deliberate attempt to keep opposition MPs from exploring "alleged improprieties" within the government, Liberals say in their legal defence.

» **IMMIGRATION** A chorus of voices is demanding that government determines how to help immigrants "hit the ground running" after a comprehensive new study showed the gap in unemployment between newcomers and Canadian-born workers is getting worse.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sweet tooth linked to DNA

Scientists discover gene variant linked to sensing sugar

If you have a sweet tooth, it won't be found amongst your molars or canines. It's inserted in your DNA instead.

Cake, cola and cookie lovers may well be able to blame their cravings on a common variant of a gene that controls the brain's ability to sense sugars in the body, a new University of Toronto study suggests. About one in five people has the variant.

The gene may also have implications for a person's risk of getting diabetes.

"In humans this gene functions as a glucose sensor in the brain to regulate appetite or food intake," says U of T nutrition expert Ahmed El-Sohemy, the study's principal author. "It's involved in the brain's ability to detect sugar, and when (you) have had enough," says El-Sohemy, Canada research chair in nutrigenomics at the school.

People with the variant of the gene GLUT 2 consistently ate more sweets and drank more high-calorie drinks than those with the more common form of it, the study published today in the journal Physiological Genomics found.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EU ramps up pressure on Myanmar to accept aid

Heavy rains pelted homeless cyclone survivors in Myanmar's Irrawaddy delta yesterday, complicating the already slow delivery of aid to more than 1.5 million people facing hunger and disease.

As more foreign aid trickled in, critics ratcheted up the pressure on its military rulers to accelerate a relief effort that is only delivering an estimated tenth of the supplies needed in the devastat-

ed delta.

The European Union called on the military junta to allow entry to aid workers

to help victims avert "an even greater tragedy," and France urged UN action if the junta did not co-operate. Spain said that failure to allow aid in could amount

to a crime against humanity. The UN says more than 1.5 million people are struggling to survive and up to 100,000 are dead.

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» **PEACE** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said yesterday that he and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had reached "understandings and points of agreement" on some key issues in U.S.-backed peace talks.

» **CLINTON** Hillary Clinton scored a victory over front-runner Barack Obama in West Virginia yesterday, but with only 28 delegates at stake, it does little to stop his march to the Democratic presidential nomination.

» **INDIA** Seven bombs ripped through the crowded streets of India's western city of Jaipur yesterday evening, killing around 60 people in markets and outside Hindu temples.

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More than one-third of workers globally would choose their cellphone over their wallet, keys, laptop or digital music player if they had to leave the house for 24 hours and could take only one item, says a new survey. **REUTERS**

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Business students honoured: The 2008 Frank H. Sobey Awards for Excellence in Business Studies were handed out recently at a special recognition event in Halifax. Recipients include Blaire-Lindsay Cooke,

Cape Breton University; Lynn Mackinnon, University of New Brunswick; Alison Starratt, Mount Allison University; Jessica Wise, Dalhousie University; Charlene McDonald, Saint Mary's University; and Matthew Cassidy, University of Prince Edward Island. Students are nominated based on academic standing, entrepreneurial interest, extracurricular and community activities, employment history and career aspirations.

Advice for employers, employees: Nova Scotian employers now have access to a new advisory service. The new Stakeholder Assistance Program will provide a professional advisor for employers to achieve a better understanding of the Nova Scotia Workplace Safety and Insurance System and improve employer access to workers' compensation and health and safety resources and programs. A similar program will be offered to em-

ployees through the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour. The new program has received two-year pilot funding from the provincial government and will be promoted through the sponsoring Employers Advisory Council (through the offices of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters).

Amherst mayor weighs in: Unionizing Poly Cello could mark the beginning of the end for one of

Amherst's largest employers, says Amherst's mayor. Jerry Hallee, who ran the company before running for mayor in 1997, is afraid of what a union would mean for Poly Cello, adding it pours some \$12 million into the Amherst economy through wages and other services. Teamsters Local 927 confirmed Sunday it has enough workers to request a certification vote at the company. While a successful union drive may not result in the clo-

sure of the plant, Hallee is concerned how customers would react and how it impacts the operation's ability to compete against non-unionized printers.

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» **RETAIL** Rona Inc., the country's biggest Canadian-owned home improvement retailer, said severe winter storms, especially in Ontario and Quebec,

contributed to a nearly 90 per cent decline in profits in the previous three-month period as construction and renovation activity stalled. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Team Canada is the highest-scoring team at the world hockey championship through six games, with 35 goals. It also ranks as the top defensive squad, with just 10 goals against.

METRO HALIFAX

Canada coming out firing

Norway in for tough challenge in quarter-final

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Canada will get reacquainted with an old Pal today, but the team isn't exactly rolling out the red carpet for him.

No, the Canadians plan to make the life of Norwegian goaltender Pal Grotnes downright miserable after he nearly stole a game from them last week at the world hockey championship.

This time, the stakes are much higher — it's the win-or-go-home quarter-final at the Metro Centre at 4:30 p.m.

"There wasn't enough traffic, not enough bodies," Canadian forward Jason Chimera said, of last Thursday's 2-1 win over Norway in which Grotnes made 50 saves. "We tried to be too cute against him. We didn't play our style of game."

The 31-year-old Grotnes, a part-time carpenter when he's not building walls in his crease, wasn't talking to media yesterday after Norway's practice. The team's goaltending coach imposed the interview ban, Norwegian officials said.

Silent or not, Grotnes will be a key factor today, as Nor-



Norway goaltender Pal Grotnes, who made 50 saves in Canada's 2-1 victory when the two teams met earlier in the tournament, will have to be just as sharp if his team is to have any chance of knocking off the defending champs in today's quarter-final.

way — having never made it to the world quarter-finals before — plays perhaps the biggest game in its hockey history.

A stingy defensive trap has been Norway's key to success.

"They don't have to make adjustments," Canadian head coach Ken Hitchcock said. "They played the way they have to play against us. We're the ones that have to adjust."

But Hitchcock is confident

his players will deliver by driving hard to the net and simplifying the power play.

"We're built for important games like this," Hitchcock said.

One of the keys will be a quick start. Canada scored just once in the opening 56 minutes last Thursday.

"Early goals against a team like this are a big thing because they have to start taking more chances," said Canadian centre Jason

Spezza. "It takes them out of their comfort zone."

Aside from the Canadian game, Grotnes' numbers — a 3.78 goals-against average and a .896 save percentage — are ordinary. Norway struggled with fatigue after the Canada loss, outscored 13-2 in losses to Latvia and the United States.

But after two days off, Norway is rested and confident. Defenceman Anders Myrvold joked that "Viking

blood" gives his team the edge, and said he and his teammates are prepared to "Do like the movie Braveheart — give it our all."

Expectations aren't very high for Norway, but they are for Canada — and that tells you where the pressure lies.

"They have to show up," Myrvold said. "Otherwise, they're out. It would be a tough couple of weeks for them."

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Norway has own version of team building

Most pro players hold full-time jobs

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Team Norway is not only skilled enough to be in the quarter-finals at the world hockey championship, but the players could also join together and build a house at a moment's notice.

Half of Norway's players don't earn enough as professional hockey

players to survive, and many of them have full-time jobs away from the rink.

The roster features a couple of carpenters, an electrician and a garage-door installer, not to mention some salesmen and a kindergarten teacher.

"We've got it all covered," Norwegian blue-liner Anders Myrvold joked. "If you need anything, just give us a call. You can't call the Canadian team. All they can do is play hockey."

Myrvold, who played 33 games in the NHL, is one of the team's fortunate full-time players. He spent almost a decade in North America and now plays in Norway's elite league.

The 32-year-old has never needed a job outside of hockey, but sympathizes with his teammates who are up at 7 a.m. for their jobs and then play road games at night.

"People think playing an 82-game season in the NHL is hard," said Myrvold, who is one of only five Norwegians who have ever played in the NHL. "This isn't easy either."

Espen Knutsen, Bjorn Skaare and active players Patrick Thoreson (Philadelphia) and Ole-Kristian Tollefsen (Columbus) are the other Norwegians who have played in the NHL.



Myrvold

Expect intensity as U.S. takes on Finland

Ugly affair sets up nasty quarter-final

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

If the third period of Sunday's game is any indication, tonight's quarter-final at the world hockey championship between Finland and the United States will be worth watching.

Finland is coming off a 3-2 win over the U.S., rallying from a 2-0 deficit in the third period. A video goal judge was dismissed for a botched call on Finland's first goal, 202 penalty minutes were handed out, and

three players were suspended.

The two teams do it all again tonight at 8:15 p.m. in the final game of this year's tournament at the Metro Centre.

Nobody on the U.S. team was making excuses in the aftermath of Sunday's controversial loss, even though pinning it on the video goal judge would have been an easy way out.

"We deserved to lose," U.S. head coach John Tortorella said.

"They were the better team and they beat us. The second half of that game was our worst hockey of the tournament."



An official tries to pull apart Team USA's Dustin Brown and Finland's Teemu Selanne at the end of their chippy game on Sunday at the world hockey championships in Halifax.

A big part of that was composure. The Americans lost their cool and took too

many trips to the penalty box.

"After that controversial

goal, we came unravelled and they took it to us," U.S. forward David Backes said. "We've got to keep our bearings and play hockey how we know how to play."

Backes, who broke the nose of Finnish forward Anssi Salmela in a bloody fight as time expired, admitted his team became frustrated and called the Finns "a feisty group."

Both teams are preaching discipline in the rematch.

"If they try to get under our skin, we can't take any dumb penalties," Finnish forward Jussi Jokinen said.

"It can cost us the game and it can cost us the whole tournament."



The New York Knicks made it official yesterday and introduced Mike D'Antoni, left, as their new head coach. D'Antoni coached the Phoenix Suns for the past four years. The Knicks agreed in principle to a deal late Saturday.

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Gagner subs for absent Staal

Teen excited to have first chance to suit up

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

Sam Gagner is going from Black Ace to the ace up the sleeve of Canadian head coach Ken Hitchcock.

The 18-year-old Edmonton Oilers rookie will become the fifth-youngest player in Canadian history to skate at the world hockey championship today at 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Centre in the quarter-finals against Norway.

He will step into the lineup for centre Eric Staal, who left the team yesterday morning to be with his family after the death of his 83-year-old grandfather John Staal.

Gagner will trade in his seat in the press box alongside fellow spares Mathieu Garon and Mark Giordano for a spot on the fourth line on the right wing with centre Patrick Sharp. "I wasn't expecting this, but at the



Team Canada's Sam Gagner, right, and Patrick Sharp, centre, change over to white jerseys as they join Jason Spezza's line during a practice yesterday ahead of today's quarter-final with Norway at the world hockey championships.

same time, this is why you come here," said Gagner, who enjoyed a 49-point NHL rookie campaign. "The amount I've learned until now has been great, and getting into a game will only heighten it."

Gagner, who has made a name for himself with his slick moves and shootout prowess, will not directly replace Staal. That duty falls to Jason Spezza, who will be promoted from the fourth line and centre Martin St.

Louis and Derek Roy.

Gagner will fill Spezza's spot, and Hitchcock plans to give him a look on the second power-play unit.

"He's worked out hard on his off days, he's in great shape, and it's a great opportunity," Hitchcock said.

For Spezza, it's a chance for redemption. He started the worlds with St. Louis and Staal before being demoted. He is averaging 10:31 of ice time, third lowest on the team.

"I've tried to be smart in my role, but I'd like a bigger role," he said. "Hopefully we can get something going (against Norway) and you never know what happens from there."

Staal is expected to rejoin the team for the semifinals, which will be held in Quebec City, should Canada beat Norway today as the tournament comes to a close in Halifax.

Hitchcock said it's "further motivation" to win today.

"Eric wants to continue to play and join us," he said. "It's our obligation to get the team to Quebec City."

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YORK REPORT
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Maple ban talk could get stickier

Major League Baseball has an expert who says that maple bats perform no better than ash bats as the controversial plan to ban the former heats up. Get the details in the York Report at www.metronews.ca.

NBA

Pistons make quick work of Magic

PLAYOFF Richard Hamilton scored 31 points, and Tayshaun Prince came up with a crucial block in the closing seconds, as the Detroit Pistons moved into the Eastern Conference finals for a sixth straight year by holding on for a 91-86 victory last night over the Orlando Magic.

The Pistons, who won the semifinal series by a 4-1 margin, will face either Boston or Cleveland in the next round. The Celtics and Cavaliers are even with Game 5 scheduled for tonight in Boston.

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MacLennan ready to be dethroned

Defending champ set for Blue Nose

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

The man who has won three of first four Blue Nose International Marathons could be vulnerable. His margins of victory have gotten narrower each year and he says this has been his worst winter of training in a long time.

Then again, David MacLennan said the same thing last year and still won.

"I know, I know," he says. "But I really do think this year has been worst than last year."

The 44-year-old Scotsburn, Pictou Co., native won the first race in 2004 by 11 minutes. In 2005 he didn't finish because of cold weather and heavy rain. But he roared back in 2006 and 2007, winning by eight and three minutes respectively.

Despite not logging a lot of miles this winter, he's been running hard lately to get

ready.

"I feel pretty good right now," MacLennan said. "The last couple of months haven't been too bad. I've been, I guess you could call it 'cramming.'"

With so many Blue Nose marathons taking place in



MacLennan

cold, wet conditions, MacLennan is keeping an eye on long-term forecasts — which, to his dismay, keep changing. He says the weather doesn't alter

how he prepares for a race but it can effect his enjoyment of it. He doesn't mind rain, but heavy wind isn't pleasant.

But the defending champion isn't putting pressure on himself.

"I don't feel any pressure," the six-time Johnny Miles marathon champ said. "If someone runs faster than me, they'll win it. That's the way it goes."

The Blue Nose takes place in Halifax and Dartmouth on Sunday. Online registration for the race at www.bluenose-marathon.com closes today at 8 p.m.

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»sports In Brief

» **MLB** U.S. federal prosecutors have filed a new indictment against Barry Bonds, baseball's home run king. Bonds was charged with 14 counts of lying to a grand jury and one count of obstruction that he denied knowingly taking illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

» **GOLF** Sweden's Annika Sorenstam, who has dominated women's golf for a decade, said yesterday she would quit competition at the end of this year to focus on family and her business.

» **NFL** Commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday there was nothing new in videotapes he received showing the Patriots taping opposing teams' signals and that no additional penalty against New England was being considered.

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Canadian hockey team general manager Steve Yzerman, right, Halifax swimmer Nancy Garapick, and boxer Lennox Lewis are among this year's class of inductees, announced yesterday, for Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. METRO HALIFAX



Pens close in on final

Pittsburgh uses defence to take commanding lead

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Marian Hossa scored twice, including the game-winner, as the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Flyers 4-1 in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals last night in Philadelphia.

Ryan Whitney and Ryan Malone also lit the lamp for the Penguins, who improved to 11-1 in the postseason and are one win away from reaching the Stanley Cup Final for the first time since 1992.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 17-of-18 shots to record the win.

R.J. Umberger tallied for the Flyers, who are facing an 0-3 series deficit for the first time since falling to the Detroit Red Wings in a four-game Cup Final sweep in 1997.

Martin Biron surrendered three goals on 24 shots.

Game 4 is slated for tomorrow in Philadelphia.

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Flyers centre Mike Richards is checked hard by Penguins star Sidney Crosby last night during Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals in Philadelphia.

SCOREBOARD

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CONFERENCE FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH
Game 3 — Last night
Pittsburgh 4 Philadelphia 1
Game 4 — Tomorrow
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30
*Game 5 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4
*Game 6 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 8:30
*Game 7 — Thursday, May 22
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 8:30
(Pittsburgh leads series 3-0)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

DALLAS VS. DETROIT

Game 4 — Tonight
Detroit at Dallas, 9
*Game 5 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 2:30
*Game 6 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 9
*Game 7 — Wednesday, May 21
Dallas at Detroit, 8:30
(Detroit leads series 3-0)
(* — if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND

Game 5 — Tonight
Cleveland at Boston, 9
Game 6 — Friday
Boston at Cleveland, 9
*Game 7 — Sunday
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)

DETROIT VS. ORLANDO

Game 5 — Last night
Detroit 91 Orlando 86
(Detroit wins series 4-1)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH

Game 5 — Tonight
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 11:30

Game 6 — Friday
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 11:30
*Game 7 — Monday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)

NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO

Game 5 — Last night
San Antonio at New Orleans
Game 6 — Tomorrow
New Orleans at San Antonio, TBA
*Game 7 — Monday
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
(* — if necessary)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland 4 Oakland 0
Baltimore 5 Boston 4
Tampa Bay 2 N.Y. Yankees 1 (11 innings)
Toronto 5 Minnesota 3
Texas 5 Seattle 2
Kansas City 3 Detroit 2
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NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 4
N.Y. Mets 6 Washington 3
Cincinnati 5 Florida 3
San Diego 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 3
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Colorado at Arizona
Houston at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Seattle at Texas, 3:05
Boston at Baltimore, 4:05
Oakland at Cleveland, 8:05
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 8:10
Toronto at Minnesota, 9:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 9:10
Chicago Sox at L.A. Angels, 11:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:05
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 8:10
Florida at Cincinnati, 8:10
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 9:05
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 9:05

Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 9:15
Colorado at Arizona, 10:40
Houston at San Francisco, 11:15

IIHF HOCKEY

QUARTER-FINALS

TODAY'S GAMES

AT QUEBEC CITY
Game 1
Russia vs. Switzerland, 2
Game 2
Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 8:15
AT HALIFAX
Game 3
CANADA vs. Norway, 4:30
Game 4
Finland vs. U.S., 8:15

SEMIFINALS

AT QUEBEC CITY
FRIDAY
G1 winners vs. G4 winners, 2
G2 winners vs. G3 winners, 6
AT HALIFAX
SATURDAY
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Semifinal Losers, 4
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Semifinal Winners, 2

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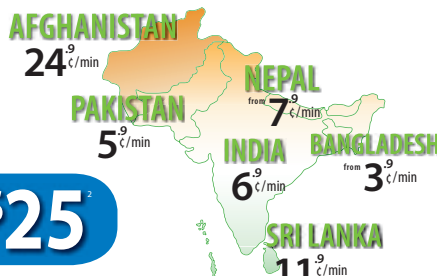
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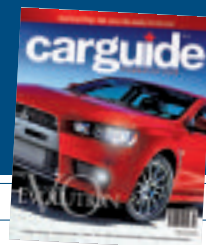
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No compromise convertible

Mazda MX-5 fun for all seasons

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Halifax

Our first thought when we clapped eyes on the tin-top version of the Mazda MX-5 was a very practical one. The heady charms of warm weather open-air motoring are a given, but how will this convertible with a power, folding hardtop fare against the freeze-unfreeze-refreeze of our winter climate? How good will this two-seater really be at keeping its driver and passenger warm?

The answer is very well, as a matter of fact. All the wind-in-your-face fun is

still there but even the tail end of one of the harshest winters in recent memory couldn't dampen our enthusiasm for this little charmer.

Mazda has done something quite remarkable with the design of the MX-5 PRHT (Power Retractable Hard Top) by designing a fully powered retractable metal hardtop that stores away into the exact same space that the cloth roof would — without nibbling into precious cargo space. Oh, and the whole shebang only added 40 kg to the MX-5's already slender waistline.

The two-piece top attaches with the same single latch as the standard MX-5's cloth top, and two buttons now flank the emergency



The MX-5 is still one of the world's best-handling cars; the PRHT simply allows you to enjoy its wonderful attributes and grin-generating dynamics year round.

flashers on the dash to raise or lower the roof. The procedure is elegant and simple. Fast too, as the whole operation takes about 12 seconds.

This brings the ham-handed soft top design of its main market rivals into even sharper focus; the Saturn Sky and its Pontiac Solstice corporate cousin still have the

most frustrating convertible storage system, a 10-step program of frayed nerves, pinched fingers and silent curses.

Back to the MX-5 ... the

good news is that the PRHT treatment is available right across the model range, from the base GX (\$28,195) through the GS (\$31,350) to the top-level GT (\$34,500). The better news is that it costs a very reasonable \$2,195 — a lot less than a good winter beater, safety inspection and extra insurance.

Plus, the PRHT adds some nice visual touches like chrome on the headlight bezels, front grille surround and the outer door handles.

On the road, the PRHT is a pure joy to drive. Power is good but not overwhelming. Handling is exceptional, the engine loves to be revved and the short-throw shifter is a pleasure to guide through the gears.

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Couples rate Nissan Rogue

Driving event puts compact crossover to test

Six Canadian couples, representative of the new Nissan Rogue's target market, experienced what professional auto writers take for granted recently, when they were invited to drive the compact crossover and give their impressions of it.

Their 'Rogue Weekend' began with an advanced driving course at the PMG Technologies skidpad near Montreal, and concluded with an extensive two-day test drive to Ottawa over a variety of back roads and highways in real winter conditions.

It began to snow as the group arrived at PMG Technologies, where they were met by professional racing driver-turned-instructor, Guy Lahaie of Trois Rivières, Que.

Lahaie's mission: To teach the group advanced driving skills with the focus on skid



control, proper use of the anti-lock braking system, and collision avoidance techniques.

As the snowfall intensified, the drivers took turns through the various courses and, with each consecutive

pass, their confidence and skill levels rose.

From Blainville, the group motored to Chateau Montebello where they anticipated a challenging drive to Ottawa the next morning through the spectacular Laurentian

Mountains scenery.

Sean Kavanaugh of Burlington, Ont., liked the steering wheel's wide range of position settings, large print and easily identifiable switches and controls, while his wife, Allison, especially liked the heated

seats and seatbacks.

Six-foot tall Ally Isted, also of Burlington, found entering and exiting the vehicle "extremely easy."

Everything important was easily within reach for Eva Choe of Toronto, who liked

the seat warmers and the large, round knobs for the heating and air conditioning.

Jeff Chan of Hamilton offered kudos for "great seats and height adjustments on the non-powered front seat in his tester."

For Frank Verrilli of Toronto: "The radio controls in the steering wheel make it easier for the single driver, as well as safer."

"We purposely drove over bumps to get a feel for the ride comfort level," said Ally Isted, "and the bumps felt almost non-existent."

In the end, the Rogue received high marks all around, with 75 per cent of the drivers saying it exceeded their expectations, and the remaining quarter saying it met theirs.

Thirty-three per cent (four drivers) rated the Rogue as "excellent" value for money and 50 per cent viewed it as "above average." Two drivers called it "good" value.

FROM THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE

Q&A with Nissan Canada president, Mark Grimm

» **CARGUIDE:** What sets the new Nissan Rogue apart from the small crossover-utility segment?

MARK GRIMM: Rogue answers consumers' demands for an expressively styled, small crossover that offers the utility they need and value they require. It looks and feels like a premium vehicle, yet Rogue's low price and high fuel efficiency make it affordable to buy and inexpensive to operate. Rogue's combination of style, versatile utility and on-road performance make it a superior choice. It offers a full complement of standard safety equipment, including ABS brakes, vehicle dynamic control (VDC) and front, side and curtain supplemental airbags. Its roomy interior and innovative utility features mean that it is ready to handle day-to-day journeys or multi-week adventures.

» **CG:** What are the vehicle's main selling points?

MG: The Rogue's exterior was designed to present an image of modern sophistication ... With its driver-focused cockpit, combined with state-of-the-art technology, like intuitive All-Wheel Drive, Xtronic CVT, Bluetooth hands-free phone system and paddle shifters, it will shift the way customers think about small

crossovers. It comes packed with a long list of standard safety features like front, seat-mounted, side-impact and roof-mounted curtain supplemental air bags, anti-lock braking system, stability control (VDC), traction control, tire pressure monitoring and more.

» **CG:** Where do you see this market going over the next five to 10 years?

MG: This segment has been growing rapidly and is now the third largest segment in the market. This shows a clear direction in consumer demand. The available choices to satisfy that need will probably expand and whether they are all crossovers or take some other form is what makes this business exciting.

» **CG:** As to crossovers themselves, how will they evolve?

MG: The next big design and engineering challenge is focused on combining efficient space utilization and operating efficiency. At Nissan, we pride ourselves on our design and engineering leadership. We are constantly working on a broad range of new and innovative technologies that we will bring to production as the market evolves.

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Decor tips on the go

French carmaker Citroën offers design ideas

If you're looking for some inspiration to redesign your home, it might be worth taking a few pointers from the car in your own drive.

French automaker Citroën, the company that brought you the \$200,000 designer garage for its executive C6, has branched out into interior design with its new Paris show, C Chic, at the company's Champs-Élysées brand centre.

Displayed on the sensational revolving platforms of the centre's cavernous rotunda are three room installations designed to echo the creative styling cues of Citroën's latest model, the new C5, to create the ultimate au-

tomotive-inspired apartment.

Using renowned designer style brands such as Louis Vuitton, Bisazza and Aquamass, the C Chic's display rooms have been created to give C5 owners (and everyone else) inspiration for some truly luxurious home furnishing ideas.

With a model living room, bathroom and bedroom, the C5 show-apartment features sophisticated styling with premium and luxurious materials throughout, such as a sumptuous leather sofa in the 'Lounge' themed living room, and expensive ceramics and spot lighting in the bright and minimalist bathroom.

The black and chrome 'Force Latine' design of the bedroom provides a refined sleeping space with its dark



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and brooding colour palette.

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Subaru

2009 Forester prices announced

MODEL Mississauga-based Subaru Canada Inc. has set a \$25,795 to \$34,895 price range for its new third-generation 2009 Forester model, now appearing in showrooms across the country. Lower than its predecessor, the new Forester sits on a new, longer platform that improves ride as well as interior space, especially rear seat legroom.

The well-equipped 'base' Forester 2.5X has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$25,795 when fitted with the standard manual transmission — that's \$1,200 less than the '08 model. Starting at \$27,995, the Forester 2.5X Touring model is \$1,000 less than before. The step-up 2.5X Limited is equipped with extra features, yet at \$32,395 starts at \$3,700 less than the previous version. And the loaded Forester 2.5XT Limited retails for \$34,895 — a whopping \$4,100 less than the model it replaces.

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Buick Allure Super

Buick expands '08 lineup

GM introduces Super editions of Allure, Lucerne

GM Canada has added two new models to its 2008 Buick product line: The Allure Super and Lucerne Super.

"Lucerne and Allure Super models epitomize Buick's new level of refinement that is drawing new customers to Buick," said Marc Comeau, vice president of sales, service and marketing for GM of Canada. "Additionally, the Buick Allure is built right here in Oshawa (Ont.) at our quality award winning car assembly plant."

Allure Super includes such design elements as a new waterfall grille, a new hood

and a new front fascia that incorporates a lower grille opening with chrome trim and chrome fog lamp bezels. It also includes new port-holes — four per side — rocker moldings, rear fascia with integrated park assist sensors, 3.5-inch diameter dual chrome exhaust tips, rear decklid spoiler and a Super badge.

Under the Allure Super's hood lies a robust 5.3-litre V8 rated at 300 horsepower, helping it go from 0-100 km/h in 5.9 seconds. The engine uses GM's Active Fuel Management (AFM), an engine technology that seam-

lessly switches between four- and eight-cylinder power to save fuel.

Lucerne Super is powered by the 4.6-litre Northstar V8

that delivers 292 hp. Further augmenting its driving character, the Lucerne Super also features improved steering, revised suspension elements, and 18-inch aluminum wheels shod with 245/50R18 all-season radials.

External enhancements include a new grille and front fascia, new rocker panels, new rear fascia, new exhaust tips and a Super badge on the decklid.

pricing

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» The Lucerne Super carries a \$47,690 sticker price.

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2009 Mazda6 details revealed

"This is a very important vehicle for us because the sales potential is so great," said Don Romano, president of Mazda Canada. "The

mid-size sedan segment — where Mazda6 competes — is a real battleground, with some of the best vehicles in the industry going toe-to-toe for sales. This new Mazda6 was designed and engineered specifically for the North American market — the third Mazda in a row to be so — and will take on the very best cars from Asia, Europe and North America.”

The North American Mazda6 differs from the sim-

ilarly named car sold in the rest of the world in many ways: larger interior and exterior size, more powerful engines and unique styling. What it retains, however, is something that earned the first Mazda6 more than 130 international awards and accolades, including "2004 Best New Family Vehicle" from the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

Power comes from an all-new 2.5-litre, four-cylinder engine and a 3.7-litre V6 as used in the '08 CX-9 crossover SUV. Transmission choices are a six-speed manual or five-speed Sport AT automatic with manual-shift mode (2.5-litre engine), or a six-speed Sport AT automatic with manual-shift mode (3.7-litre V6).

Suspension is all-independent, with four-wheel disc brakes and standard ABS. As with every Mazda, balance, dynamics, and on-road feel — coupled with unparalleled reductions in road noise and vibrations — set the Mazda6 apart from its competition.

options

» The 2009 Mazda6 will be available only as a four-door sedan. Both the 2.5 and V6 will be available in GS or GT trim grades, with varying levels of standard and optional equipment.



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Energy awarded three inter-ups; first \$1,000 US, third prizes and \$4,000

Their Energetic Energy Education project involves a four-stage plan to reduce their school's energy consumption. In 2006 the team drafted a plan to purchase and integrate a wind turbine and solar cells into the school's power grid, to install a green roof to reduce heating costs and to construct a greenhouse to grow food. The group plans to provide the school's cafeteria with vegetables and to donate the rest to a nearby mission for the homeless. The team also plans to use biodegradable waste as compost to help replenish the soil in the greenhouse.

The team of students departed for Goteborg, Sweden last week to present their

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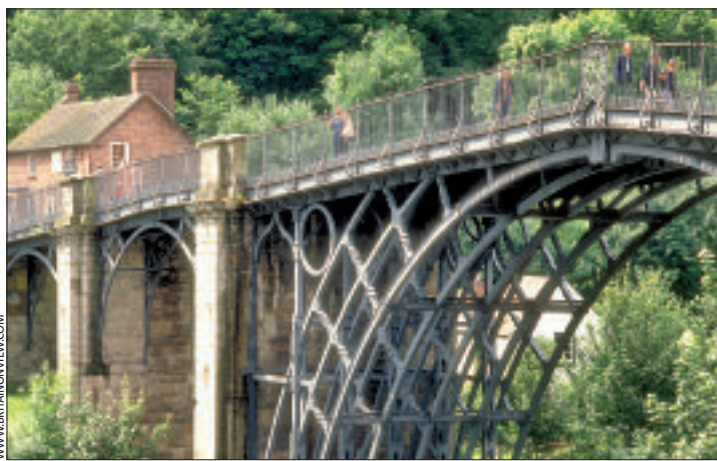
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The Iron Bridge was first opened in 1781. Left, visitors walk across the bridge, and right, blacksmithing at Blists Hill.

Travel back to the revolution

Old English town held reins to industry in 1800s

By EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to live in Britain during the Industrial Revolution, then visit Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire, England.

You can truly step back in time at Blists Hill. It's just one of nine museums in the Iron-bridge area — including the Jackfield Tile Museum, Coal-

port China Museum, Museum of Iron and the Iron Bridge itself, the world's first cast-iron bridge, built in 1779 over the River Severn — that showcase the best of the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Located in the heart of England, the area is considered so historically important that it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Each building in the Victorian town dates from the 1800s and has been carefully transported to the village and reconstructed brick by brick to recreate a small industrial town toward the end of

Queen Victoria's reign.

Guides in costume and in character breathe life into these immaculately recreated shops, workplaces and homes, offering astounding insight into what life was like more than 100 years ago.

Turn your pounds into shillings in the Victorian Lloyds bank and leave contemporary England behind. Treat yourself to a bag of candy from the sweet shop, buy some freshly baked bread and see what's on offer in the grocers, chemist, candle makers and printers for all your turn-of-the-century

needs.

At lunchtime, you can send your children off to the school, where they will be taught a lesson, Victorian-style, with chalk and blackboard, by a strict and smartly dressed head teacher. Meanwhile, you can nip off for a pint of traditional ale in the wood-paneled Victorian pub, where the locals gather round the piano for an old-fashioned singalong.

If you want you can even be Victorian and actively participate in the experience. Enrol in the blacksmithing course — the wrought-iron

works at Blists Hill is the only working iron foundry in Europe — and you'll be taught how to heat iron and steel until it is white hot before hammering it into shape on the anvil. Using traditional blacksmithing skills you'll be taught how to make objects including a fire poker, leaf key ring and coat hook. It's serious work, though, with amateur blacksmiths feeling the heat and developing giant blisters on their hands as they hammer repeatedly at the iron rod to knock it into shape.

Despite the hard labour,

it's a course people find creative, inspiring and rewarding. As most of us urban types don't actually get to make anything after school age — we just buy things then throw them away — most people find it satisfying to put time into producing something useful and durable in the blacksmithing course.

And with the world's current problems of environmental sustainability in mind, it's also one of the interesting things about visiting Blists Hill, and learning about how the Victorians lived.

Vacationing for a good cause

Voluntourism gives foreigners chance to help

In our world of beaten-track travel, many tourists are looking for alternative holiday experiences where they can learn about local culture while giving back. "Voluntourism," as it is now known, is a growing trend that blends volunteer work with travel. It's a chance for foreigners to pitch in, get their hands dirty and help the local community.

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A growing number of tourists interested in giving back to the local community are opting for volunteer-based holidays.

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Megan Mullally, left, has signed on to play Alicia Silverstone's mom in ABC's new fall comedy *Bad Mother's Handbook*.

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stan fest 2008



Saint Marie, Sampson added

FOLK FOLKS Groundbreaking songstress Buffy Saint Marie and Grammy winner Gordie Sampson (above) will be among the artists performing at the 2008 Stan Rogers Folk Festival, which takes place July 4 through 6. An international festival of songwriters, the three-day event in Canso will also feature performances by legendary rockers and songwriters April Wine and distinguished singer-songwriter Martin Sexton. Advance tickets for Stan Fest 2008 are now on sale. Week-end passes are \$80, Friday tickets are \$32, Saturday tickets are \$36 and Sunday tickets are \$36. For tickets and more information on who is playing, visit stanfest.com. Tickets are also available by calling Ticket Atlantic at 451-1221, and on the internet at ticketatlantic.com. A StanFest Warm-Up Party, featuring Steven Bowers, Charlie A'Court, Dave Gunning and Ron Hynes, will take place at the Pogue Fado tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

METRO HALIFAX

Hockey as a Lullaby

Acclaimed short airs Friday night on CBC

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

He wanted to tell a hockey story, but Jeff Wheaton didn't want it to be a film about the sport.

"I wanted it to be a mythology of hockey, and the whole sense of it as a fairy tale," says the filmmaker.

"I am more interested in telling human stories; our relationships with each other and how we respond to each other."

Wheaton is the director of *The Lullaby of Mike Bossy*, a short film airing on CBC television this Friday night. It is about a young girl whose dad wants her to be a figure skater but who actually yearns to be a hockey player.

"There is this confusion, because her older brother used to be a hockey player and then became a figure skater, so this is a story about the relationship between the father and daughter, and her trying to get him to understand what she values in her life." The film stars Haley



The Lullaby of Mike Bossy is a hockey story, but it's not about the game. It airs Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Burgess and Jenny Kirkpatrick, along with Thomas Cormier, Margurite McNeil, Drew O'Hara and Kathryn McLennan. It debuted at the Atlantic Film Festival last fall, and was part of last month's ViewFinders International Film Festival for Youth.

Wheaton came up with the idea for *Lullaby* during a skiing trip with friends three years ago.

He and his friends were

talking about tossing hockey cards, a kids game where cards would be flipped and the winning player would get to keep them.

"It was like card collecting, but it was almost like a currency," he said.

"People would flip and toss them. But, once hockey cards had a value, once Wayne Gretzky came about, and a five or ten cent hockey card got a dollar value to it, people

put a stop to the game." It was the difference between the two views of playing cards — how young people valued them differently from adults — which Wheaton pulled from for the story.

"The card flipping game was a tool, an element to help me tell the story," the director said.

"It was like the Titanic becomes an element for a love story."

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In Brief

» EMERGING ARTISTS Five Atlantic Canadians are among the 25 artists from across Canada vying for this year's Sobey Art Award. Andrea Morton, Tonia Di Risio, Craig Francis Power, Mario Doucette and Craig Leonard were named to the long-list for the \$50,000 prize. The list also includes five artists from each of the four other regions across Canada: the West Coast and Yukon, Prairies and Northern Canada, Ontario, and Quebec. A short list for the prize will be announced later this year, and the award will be presented in the fall. The award is given every year to an emerging artist under 40.

» GOOD OPEN Peterborough, Ont.-based The Spades will be the supporting act for Matthew Good and His Band when it performs at the Cunard Centre on May 22. Tickets are available for the show and are \$29.50 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit ticketpro.ca.

» CHOIR PRACTICE The Halifax Camerata Singers, who won the Galaxie Rising Star Prize at the Canadian National Competition for Amateur Choirs, will be among the contest winners featured on a special CBC Radio 2 program this Sunday at 2 p.m. The competition took place in Laval, Quebec, last month.

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Nothing to Panic about

Band hits Abbey Road, drops exclamation mark

By IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Halifax

As Panic At The Disco discovered, no trip to London, England, was complete without a stop by the iconic Abbey Road recording studios where The Beatles made most of their classic recordings.

While they enjoyed a walk across that iconic crosswalk immortalized on the Fab Four's 1969 album cover, the Las Vegas rockers also happened to be at Abbey Road on business — to mix and add orchestral flourishes to sophomore release, *Pretty. Odd.*

"We recorded the strings and the horns there just because that studio is known as the best place for the type of sound we were looking for," drummer Spencer Smith says. "And the guy who ended up mixing the



WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

Pretty. Odd. is the new album from Panic At The Disco.

album, Peter Cobbin, is one of the head mixers at Abbey Road. It was all an amazing experience, being in the same studios where some of the records we love the best were made."

Months later, Smith, guitarist Ryan Ross, bassist Jon Walker and vocalist Brendon Urie got a chance to perform in the building's Studio 1 as part of a TV special, *Live From Abbey Road*.

Although *Pretty. Odd.* largely was

recorded in Las Vegas, *Panic At The Disco* isn't shy about channelling its British influences. The mix of upbeat pop, folk, vaudeville and psychedelia echo the likes of Queen, The Kinks and The Beatles, the latter noticeably evident on the Sgt. Pepper-style opening of *We're So Starving* and *Nine In The Afternoon*.

"These are basically songs about us being in a band, being excited

about writing new songs and working on new material and not only being known for the 14 songs we wrote when we were 17 years old," Smith says.

Smith acknowledges that *Pretty. Odd.* proffers a significant shift away from the angsty, emo-punk stylings of the group's 2005 debut, *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out*.

"When you're 16 or 17, you don't really want listen to the music your parents listened to — it isn't cool," Smith says. "Years later, we ended up realizing why a lot of those older songs were so good and more interesting to hear than what's currently on the radio."

Does that shift explain why there's no longer an exclamation mark as part of the Panic name?

Explains Smith, "When we were making the artwork and cover for this album, the artist was like, 'Do you guys want the exclamation point?' and we ended up deciding, 'Nah, let's take it out.'"

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Nirvana's
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REUTERS



television



Seacrest produces Momma's Boy

NEW SERIES Mothers will get to choose brides for their sons on a new reality series from NBC and American Idol host Ryan Seacrest.

In Momma's Boy, a group of "controlling mothers," their eligible "complacent sons" and several brides-to-be live together under one roof. Some of the potential brides are "nice girls" while others, as the press release states, "might not be as appealing to the mothers."

The series is planned for early fall.

television

Rapaport lands Prison Break role

CASTING Michael Rapaport has landed a role in Fox's Prison Break.

The actor is joining the drama as a series regular for its upcoming fourth season. He will play a government agent who has an interesting offer for Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller) and his brother.

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» For coverage of last night's episode of American Idol, please visit www.metronews.ca.

Actress Horne avoids trends

Christine Horne, actress, plays Hagar Shipley in the film *The Stone Angel* (now in theatres). She also plays Desdemona in the upcoming CBC production of *Othello*:

Q What products make you look and feel good?

A Neutrogena's Healthy Defense Daily Moisturizer with SPF 45 is my friend. I don't wear much makeup in real life. Usually just some lip gloss so I look a little less like a corpse.

Q Describe your style.

A I am woefully out of touch with fashion and try to avoid things that I think might be considered trendy. I like layers of

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MARCY CORNBLOM
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simple, comfortable clothing and vintage dresses.

Q How do you stay fit?

A I walk everywhere that I can and I take the stairs.

Q How do you keep life in perspective?

A I try to enjoy the things I have in my life instead of bemoaning the things I don't. I usually have to remind myself to do it, but it's a much happier way to be.

Kye Husbands is co-host of *The Big Flip II*, airing Saturday nights on HGTV:

Q What products make you look and feel good?

A I love Palmer's Cocoa Butter. It is the only product that I can use to keep my skin moist and smooth, especially in the winter. I also use Aveeno Positively Radiant Cleanser, it keeps me looking young.

Q Describe your style.

A My famous white T-shirt and blue jeans have lasted the test of time. I tend not to follow fashion trends.

Q How do you keep life in perspective?

A I believe the world is more good than bad and that anything is possible. I love the unknown and welcome challenges. I don't believe that success

Actress Christine Horne and *The Big Flip II* host Kye Husbands.

comes easily or without sacrifice.

Q What things make life easier?

A I can't live without the Internet or e-mail. I also love my Magic Bullet

(blender). I make delicious, healthy smoothies and juices with it.

Marcy Cornblom is a freelance journalist. She's developed up-close and personal relationships with celebrities including actors, musicians and television personalities.

critics' corner

Boston Legal

Imagine: his name on the door of the Oval Office. In this new episode, some political bigwigs approach Denny — Denny Crane! — about running for president. You can stop shuddering now; Denny (William Shatner) is fictional, remember? Jerry (Christian Clemenson) is asked to defend an ex (Rachelle Lefevre) accused of prostitution, and Carl and Shirley (John Larroquette, Candice Bergen) represent a woman suing for the right to become a Catholic priest. 11 PM on ABC



Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

Indy (Harrison Ford) is back in the 1984 sequel to "Raiders of the Lost Ark." This time, he's in search of mythical stones that are the source of a village's prosperity. Accompanying him in his quest is a pint-sized kid (Ke Huy Quan, "The Goonies") with a bad case of hero worship and a nightclub singer (Kate Capshaw) who screams at everything. Amish Puri co-stars as the hairless leader of a blood-thirsty cult. 8 PM on CHIF

Jerusalem 1948: A War From Three Sides

In 1947, all heck broke loose — well, more heck, anyway. That's when the U.N. decided to break Palestine into one Jewish state and one Arab state, with Jerusalem being an international zone. What happened instead was a bitter battle for the holy city. The seige eventually ended in 1948, and Israel became a reality. This documentary presents three views of the situation: British, Palestinian and Israeli. 3 PM on HISTORY

Stuck

Support groups can be helpful, and they don't always have to be formal. In this new series, seven women get together to assist one another in accomplishing goals and dealing with personal issues. The participants include weight-conscious Magnolia; Maxine, who often is too selfless for her own good; withdrawn Clarence; procrastinator Tracy, who also has high blood pressure; and Mary, who can't get past the death of her brother. 10:30 PM on W

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Wedding bells for Cynthia?



Sex And The City: The Movie star Cynthia Nixon wants to wed her partner Christine Marinoni – because gay weddings are “rebellious,” imdb.com reports. The actress began dating Marinoni in 2004, and rumours surfaced last month the pair would marry later this year in a low key ceremony. But Nixon, 42, admits she’s never been keen on marriage in the past – although she would consider wedding Marioni because it would be an act of rebellion. She says, “It (marriage) is something my girlfriend is interested in and it was not something my boyfriend (Danny Mozer, with whom she split after 15 years together) ever was. I think that to get married to her would be a little act of rebellion. It’s like if you’ve never had the vote and then you get it you’re going to run out there and vote. I always avoided marriage in the past and was very wary of it. I felt like it was potentially a trap. People sometimes want the party, the gifts, and the public celebration of this big love – they’re excited about that rather than the life commitment. So I always stayed clear of it.”

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Beyoncé’s weight gain spurs baby rumours

Beyoncé Knowles, who still won’t confirm her April 4 wedding to Jay-Z, is also keeping quiet about whether or not she is pregnant, PageSix.com reports.

Friends of the tight-lipped newlyweds say the songbird is expecting the couple’s first child. “She has gained a lot of pregnancy weight,” a source said.

A rep for Knowles said, “I don’t know if she’s pregnant. Let me perform an ultrasound and get back to you.”

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Tony, Jessica split?

According to starmagazine.com, while partying with several Eastern Illinois alumni on the weekend, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo revealed he and Jessica Simpson are on the outs, reports Chicago gossip blog These Boots Are Made for Stalking.

“He told us they broke up and that was that,” Romo’s pal told the blog.

Romo made the most of his boys’ weekend – from seeing a Chicago Cubs game to boozing at local hotspots.

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Ashlee, Pete to tie knot on Saturday

Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz will wed on Saturday, according to the latest U.S. reports, says imdb.com. The pop couple was rumoured to be planning a ceremony for this Friday, but now Us Weekly magazine claims Simpson will become Mrs. Wentz on Saturday. The location, time and all other details are being kept a closely-guarded secret. A

source close to the pair tells the publication, “Proper invites have not been sent out but guests have been given a save-the-date notice.” A rehearsal dinner, for “family and close friends only,” will take place on Friday. The couple announced their engagement in April and Simpson is rumoured to be pregnant with her fiancé’s child.

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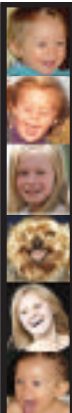
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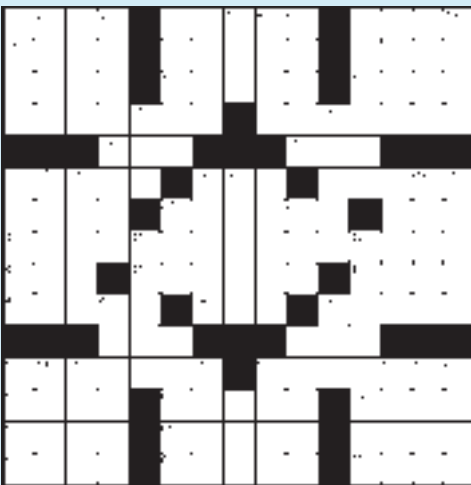
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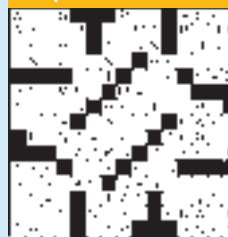
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- 32 Hornless cattle
- 36 Microwave
- 37 Aspects
- 39 Make a choice
- 40 Classroom fixture (2 wds.)
- 43 Map dir.
- 44 Wordlessly
- 45 Warrior princess
- 46 Not gradual
- 48 Um cousins
- 49 Overdue
- 50 A Kennedy
- 52 Lower the lights
- 53 Small stream
- 57 One-piece garments
- 61 Sacked out
- 62 Murmured softly
- 64 In — of
- 65 WXY, on a phone
- 66 Banded quartz
- 67 Toledo's lake
- 68 Mother of Horus
- 69 Passengers
- 70 Mail out

previous answer



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	2			9		3		4
				2		1		7
								6
	7	2				3		1
				5		2		
	9			4			8	3
9	6			8		7		
4		5		2			8	3

instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

3	6	7	1	4	2	5	9	8
5	4	9	7	3	8	2	1	6
2	8	1	5	6	9	4	7	3
8	3	6	4	2	1	7	5	9
4	9	2	3	5	7	8	6	1
7	1	5	8	9	6	3	2	4
1	7	3	6	8	5	9	4	2
9	5	8	2	1	4	6	3	7
6	2	4	9	7	3	1	8	5

Halifax weather

Afternoon



Sunny.
14°

Tonight



Clear.
3°

Thursday



Sunny.
14° / 5°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
14° / 5°



Rain.
13° / 7°

Temperature
Normals
High: 13°
Low: 4.3°

Records
High: 23.3°/1961
Low: -0.1°/1985

Sunrise: 5:46 a.m.
Sunset: 8:34 p.m.
Moonset: 3:09 a.m.
Moonrise: 3:23 p.m.

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

Surprising news comes by mail. Prepare for allergies to flare up. You might think it's too late for forgiveness.


TAURUS | April 21-May 21

A senior's safety measures should be updated. Expect a price change — buy now. Do not walk through dark places by yourself.


GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A dispute will lead the way to an agreement. Look into discovering how to prosper. Refuse to be a mediator on a proposal.


CANCER | June 22-July 22

A disgraced visitor has much to say. A man causes confusion to burst out. A moody dictator limits time spent in contemplation.


LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Others will need a lesson in compassion. Whining about chores takes up too much energy. Someone fails to show up when needed.


VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Get your emotions under control. Arrogance causes feelings of inadequacy. Get down to basics with an impractical negotiator.


LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Provide sanity for an oblivious person. A friend has guilt about a crisis. Better news comes about finances.


SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Frankness is the best approach in a love affair. Have a nap, if you get the chance. Dreadful dreams lead to a thorny dilemma.


SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Look before you leap in your love life. Someone opens your eyes to a paradigm shift. Opportunities will give you a new way of life.


CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A stressful ruling will create resentment. Worry about a job can be reduced by consultation. Being fond of someone will amaze you.


AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Exhaustion will result if you don't let up. Less is more in a relationship. Don't stubbornly insist on following orders.


PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Emotional difficulties will persist if someone else calls the shots. A sweet rascal spends money like crazy.

AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 14, 1913: New York Governor William Sulzer approves the charter for the Rockefeller Foundation, which begins operations with a \$100 million donation from John D. Rockefeller.

Woolf's novel Mrs. Dalloway is published.

May 14, 1939: Lina Medina becomes the world's youngest confirmed mother in medical history at the age of five.

May 14, 1925: Virginia

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Fall



Winter



Spring



Golf

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